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3/1/11

OKLAHOMA IMMIGRATION

VO: 25

A House committee approved a bill Monday that would give law enforcement officials more authority to check the immigration status of motorists. The measure's author said it mirrors some parts of Arizona's anti-illegal immigrant law passed last year. The House Judiciary Committee also approved a bill that would prohibit foreign laws from being enforced in state courtrooms. Rep. Sally Kern, the bill's author, said it resembles a ballot measure that was approved overwhelmingly in November by state voters but which has been legally challenged.

JOB SCAMMERS

VO: 25

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JOB SCAMMERS

JAIME GARCIA- LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS LOWEST IN ALMOST 3 YEARS

VO: 20

Applications for unemployment benefits fell by 20,000 last week to 368,000, the lowest level in almost three years, the Labor Department said Thursday. The four-week average for applications, considered a more reliable indicator of U.S. unemployment trends, fell last week to 388,500, the lowest figure since July 2008. Requests for unemployment benefits have fallen by 27 percent since August and there appears to be a clearly defined trend toward fewer layoffs and more hiring. In the week that ended on Feb. 19, the number of people who were receiving unemployment benefits fell by 59,000 to 3.77 million, excluding workers eligible for federally funded emergency jobless benefits. According to Labor Department figures, 9.24 million people received some type of state or federal unemployment benefit during the week that ended Feb. 12, 74,000 more than the week before. In other economic news, the Institute for Supply Management's Non-Manufacturing, or Service, index climbed to 59.7 in February, marking its 15th consecutive month in positive territory.

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OBAMA ON EDUCATION

LOURDES DEL RIO

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President Obama travelled to Miami, Florida, where he will discuss how winning the future in education will require investments that promote a shared responsibility among everyone involved; reform at the state and local levels; and focus on achieving results. The President will deliver remarks on the importance of out-educating our competition at a local

Miami high school. The President visited Miami Central Senior High School with Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and former Florida Governor Jeb Bush.

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3/6/11 6:30 AND 11:30 PM

GAS PRICES

VO: 20

A new survey says the average price of regular gasoline in the United States has jumped 33 cents per gallon in the last two weeks. The Lundberg Survey of fuel prices released Sunday says it's the second biggest price increase over a two-week span on record. Analyst Trilby Lundberg found in the survey completed Friday that the average national price of a gallon of regular is \$3.51. The average price for mid-grade is \$3.64, and premium was at \$3.75. Diesel is up 29 cents, to \$3.88 a gallon. Billings, Mont., had the lowest average price among cities surveyed at \$3.15 a gallon for regular. San Diego was the highest among surveyed areas at \$3.87. Fresno had California's lowest gas prices, at \$3.70 for a regular gallon.

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3/7/11

GAS PRICES

LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC

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Gas prices continued to rise Monday, driven higher for nearly two weeks straight by the turmoil in Libya, with analysts expecting prices to keep climbing. The national average price for a gallon of regular gasoline rose six tenths of a cent to \$3.509, according to a daily survey by motorist group AAA. Prices at the pump can vary widely among states, due in large part to vastly different levels of gasoline tax. Gas prices have increased for 13 days in a row, rising nearly 34 cents in that time. The highest gas prices in the nation are in California, where drivers pay an average of \$3.897 a gallon. Prices were also above \$3.80 in Hawaii and Alaska. Montana had the lowest gas prices at \$3.186 a gallon, on average. Wyoming was a close second with an average cost per gallon of \$3.189. Gas prices vary widely from state to state based largely on local tax rates. But prices have been

trending higher nationwide following a rise in the price of crude oil, the main ingredient in gasoline.

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3/9/11

**BORDER & HOMELAND SECURITY
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:29**

The Department of Homeland Security will deploy military-grade radar technology to the US-Canadian Border to combat rampant drug smuggling. Senator Charles Schumer has been strongly urging the Federal Government to step up security. He cites the February Government Accountability Office report that showed that only 32 of the nearly 4,000 miles that make up the US-Canada border are considered secure. Secretary Janet Napolitano announced today that Homeland Security will deploy radar technology to fight drug smuggling at border communities.

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**IMMIGRANT TUITION
VO: 20**

A panel of Maryland senators is hoping a series of nighttime tweaks will help shepherd a plan to grant in-state tuition to illegal immigrants through the Senate. The Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee voted Tuesday night to clean up the plan to grant illegal immigrants the same tuition rates at state-run universities that Maryland residents pay. The full Senate is to begin debating the bill Wednesday morning. The committee voted last week to require that illegal immigrants attend community college before they receive the in-state break at four-year universities, but questions of county residency forced them into the last-minute work session. Although the committee sent the measure to the Senate last week, supporters opted to do the rework in committee where it faces less opposition.

**CANCER SURVIVORS
VO: 20**

Nearly 12 million people in the United States are cancer survivors, almost four times as many as 40 years ago, reflecting big strides in cancer detection and treatment and the effect of an aging U.S. population, U.S. health officials said on Thursday. But many of the survivors face a lifetime of side effects caused by their treatments, according to figures released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Cancer Institute. The researchers found there were 11.7 million cancer survivors in 2007, up from 9.8 million in 2001 and 3 million in 1971.

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3/14/11

OBAMA ON EDUCATION

VO: 20

U.S. President Barack Obama called on Congress Monday to overhaul his Republican predecessor's signature "No Child Left Behind" education law before the next school year begins in September. Former President George W. Bush pushed for "No Child," enacted in 2002, to upgrade education by making schools accountable for students' performance and forcing reforms on schools that do not meet sets of standards. The law has been criticized as inflexible, forcing teachers to adhere to a narrow curriculum targeted mostly at ensuring that every student pass a series of standardized tests.

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